



The Cross: Peter Denies Jesus

Lesson Aim: To tell others we know Jesus.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Loves

THE WORD

Bible Story: Luke 22:54-62

What He has done: Jesus is denied by Peter.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "I know Jesus."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Unit 3: The King Who Loves			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
12	Jesus Is Anointed, John 12:1-3	Jesus approved of Mary's gift.	To give our treasure to Jesus.
13	The Triumphal Entry, Mark 11:1-10	Jesus rode into Jerusalem as King.	To praise Jesus as the King who came to save us.
14	Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet, John 13:1, 4-7, 12-17	Jesus washes His followers' feet.	To see Jesus' example of loving through serving.
15	Jesus and the Last Supper, Luke 22:14, 19-20	Jesus gave His followers a way to remember Him.	To know Jesus used His Last Supper to help us remember Him.
16	Jesus in the Garden, Matthew 26:36-41	Jesus prayed in the garden.	To know God wants us to watch and pray.
17	The Cross: Peter Denies Jesus, Luke 22:54-62	Jesus is denied by Peter.	To tell others we know Jesus.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read 2 Timothy 2:11-13. Please join us in praying, "Thank You for choosing to die on the cross to save us. Help the children understand this choice was to save them! Amen."



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a rooster or feather
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "I know Jesus."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song: "We Love" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Give Thanks to the Lord" "How Wide?" "I Will Remember" "It's Praise Time" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Love One Another" "Sing Praises" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "Jesus Loves Me" "Oh, How I Love Jesus" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Cedarhurst Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 3, Lesson 17
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Luke 22:54-62	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Luke 22:56-57 Visual: "Crowing Rooster" craft sample or toy rooster
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Crowing Rooster	Red, yellow, or white plastic cups; 3 inch pieces of sponge or cloth; heavy string; water; yellow felt or sturdy paper; feathers, felt or tissue paper; wiggle eyes; tape or glue; crayons or markers
		Game: The Roosters Crow	Crowing Rooster crafts
		Game: Drop the Feather	Feather
		Snack: Excellent Eggs	A boiled egg or egg-shaped candy
	Circle of Prayer	None	
Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 3, Lesson 17 Color This Story: "Peter Said He Didn't Know Jesus."	
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Luke 22:54-62	None
	Up to 10	Game: Pass the Love of Jesus	Large heart-shape item, Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse "We Love," CD Player
	Up to 10	Game: Hugs of Love	Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse "We Love," CD Player
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about telling others about Jesus

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



I know Jesus

THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____**. **I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a rooster or a feather. **Today, you will hear why a rooster can remind you to tell others you know Jesus. Our Whisper Verse is "I know Jesus."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "I know Jesus."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with three hand motions:

- "I"** Point to self.
- "know"** Touch all four fingertips to forehead.
- "Jesus."** The middle finger of one hand touches the middle of the palm of the other hand, then the same is repeated using the middle finger of the other hand. This action indicates the wounds in Jesus' hands after He was nailed to the cross.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "I know Jesus," John 7:29. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who loves

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to that designated area.



It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to King Jesus who loves us. He loves us so much He gave His life for us on the cross. That's why every time I see a cross, I remember how much Jesus loves you and me. Raise your hand if you know Jesus loves you. (Children respond.) Sing: "Jesus Loves Me."

We love Him because He first loved us. Let sing our Bible Memory Verse Song together. Sing: "We Love". **When we sing praises and give our offerings, we are showing Jesus we know Him and love Him. Let's do that now by giving our offering.** Play: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" as background music while collecting the offering.



Delbert and Lello tell others they know and love Jesus, too. Let's check out what they are doing today. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 3, Lesson 17.

Jesus loves to hear us tell others we know Him. Do you remember the Whisper Verse? Review Whisper Verse together: "I know Jesus." Include sign language.



Let's see how well you know Jesus! Raise your hand if you know Jesus hears your prayers. (Children respond.) **Now, raise your hand if you know Jesus is in heaven watching over you.** (Children respond.) **Raise your hand if you know Jesus has done many miracles.** (Children respond.) Sing: "I Will Remember." **That's wonderful. You really know Jesus! As we hear our Bible story, we will get to know Jesus even more!**



Peter says he doesn't know Jesus

THE WORD

Teacher Tip: Make the Crowing Rooster in Craft Connection before doing Watch the Word. As you tell the story, lead the children in making their roosters crow when the rooster in the story crows.

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others and then self.

Last time, we heard how Jesus prayed in the garden. Today, we will learn that after Jesus prayed in the garden, Peter lied and said he did not know Jesus. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 22:56-57.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 22:54-62

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold a "Crowing Rooster" craft sample or toy rooster. Other visual options include Color This Story or any related picture.

- **Jesus never did anything wrong,**
- **But one night some men took Him away.**
- **Peter followed and stood nearby,**
- **He remembered what Jesus did say.**

- **"Peter, you'll say you don't know Me**
- **Three times, then, the rooster will crow."**
- **And sure enough Peter said it three times;**
- **Just as Jesus had told Him so.**

- **"I don't know Jesus," Peter lied.**
- **Three times Peter shook his head, "No!"**
- **Then the third time Peter said it,**
- **He heard the rooster crow.**



Did Peter say he knew Jesus? (No.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 22:56-57 from teacher's Bible.

What can we tell others about Jesus? (We know Jesus.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "I know Jesus." Include sign language or hand motions.



Telling others we know Jesus

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: CROWING ROOSTER

Purpose: To tell others we know Jesus.

Supplies: Red, yellow, or white plastic cups*; 3 inch pieces of sponge or cloth; heavy string; water; yellow felt or sturdy paper; feathers, felt or tissue paper for decoration; wiggle eyes (may substitute eye or dot stickers or use a marker to draw eyes); tape or glue; crayons or markers

*Cup must be plastic or craft will not make crowing sound. If plastic cups are not available, make an alternate craft by tracing the shape of a rooster on white paper and gluing on scraps of sturdy colored paper to create a colorful paper rooster.

Prepare:

1. Cut 12-inch pieces of butcher's string or heavy gauge string.
2. Cut a 2-inch triangle from sturdy, yellow felt or paper for the rooster's beak.
3. Pre-punch or drill three pencil-sized holes in the base of the plastic cup.
4. Put string through both holes in bottom of cup from the outside. Make one end long and one short.
5. Tie the ends together as far inside the cup as you can. Before the knot is tight, you can use a finger to push the knot further inside the cup.
6. Trim off the short string.
7. Tie sponge to long end of string. Trim off excess string.

Directions:

1. Attach rooster's beak and eyes to cup.
2. Decorate cup using feathers, felt and/or tissue paper.
3. Dampen sponge or cloth and squeeze out excess water.
4. Holding the plastic cup in one hand, pinch the top of string with the damp sponge or cloth and drag the sponge or cloth down along the string to make a crowing sound.

Craft Discussion:

- **Who remembers the Whisper Verse?** ("I know Jesus.") **Let's say it together with the hand motions.**
- **Who said he did not know Jesus?** (Peter.)
- **How many times did Peter say he did not know Jesus?** (Three times.)
- **What crowed after Peter said he did not know Jesus?** (A rooster.)
- **Have you ever seen a rooster? Can you crow like a rooster?** Allow several children to demonstrate crowing like a rooster.
- **Let's make our Crowing Roosters crow, too!** Lead children in making their rooster crafts "crow" as described in the directions above.

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: THE ROOSTERS CROW

Purpose: This game will help children interact with the story and practice telling others about Jesus.

Supplies: "Crowing Rooster" crafts

Peter lied because he was afraid to say he knew Jesus. What should Peter have said about Jesus? ("I know Jesus.") What animal made a crowing noise after Peter said he did not know Jesus? (A rooster.) Let's make our roosters crow, like the one in our story. When I clap my hands three times, stop crowing and tell a friend, "I know Jesus."

Directions:

1. Children walk around room creating crowing noises with their roosters.
2. When you clap three times, the children should stop the crowing noises, turn to another child and say, **"I know Jesus!"**
3. Repeat several times.

GAME: DROP THE FEATHER

Purpose: For children to practice telling others about Jesus.

Supplies: Feather

Who knows Jesus? (Children respond.) Let's all raise our hands because Jesus is our friend! Jesus wants us to tell other people we know Him. Let's tell each other what we know about Jesus.

Directions:

1. Have the children crouch down on the floor.
2. Choose one child to stand in front and drop the feather.
3. **When the feather touches the floor, I want everyone to jump up and tell each other, "I know Jesus loves me."**
4. Child drops feather. When the feather touches the floor, lead the children in jumping up and saying **"I know Jesus loves me!"**
5. Let each child take a turn dropping the feather. Change what the children will tell each other each time. Some of the statements you could use are:
 - "I know Jesus is the Lord!"**
 - "I know Jesus is our King!"**
 - "I know Jesus does miracles!"**
 - "I know Jesus is God's Son!"**
 - "I know Jesus hears my prayers!"**
 - "I know Jesus is in heaven!"**

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: EXCELLENT EGGS

Purpose: Children will enjoy an egg themed snack as they discuss Peter's denial.

Snack Suggestion: A boiled egg or egg-shaped candy

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "I know Jesus."
 - **Who said he did not know Jesus?** (Peter.) **Did Peter know Jesus?** (Yes.)
 - **What should Peter have said?** (I know Jesus.) **Peter could have told others about Jesus.**
 - **Today's snack is an egg. What bird that crows comes from an egg?** (A rooster.) **When did the rooster crow in today's story?** (After Peter lied three times saying he did not know Jesus.)
 - **We know Jesus and we can tell others about Jesus! We can tell them our Whisper Verse. Let's say it again right now!** Lead children in saying and signing Whisper Verse again. **When you go home, remember to tell your family you know Jesus.**



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Crowing Rooster." Tell someone how the rooster crowed after Peter said he did not know Jesus.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how you can tell others you know Jesus.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Peter said he didn't know Jesus." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song "We Love" as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: LUKE 22:54-62

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus never did anything wrong,** (Shake head “no.”)
- **But one night some men took Him away.** (Point finger for “one.”)
- **Peter followed and stood nearby;** (Walk in place.)
- **He remembered what Jesus did say.** (Point to mind.)

- **“Peter, you’ll say you don’t know Me** (Point straight ahead.)
- **Three times, then, the rooster will crow.”** (Flap arms as rooster wings.)
- **And sure enough Peter said it three times,** (Hold up three fingers.)
- **Just as Jesus had told Him so.** (Nod head for “yes.”)

- **“I don’t know Jesus,” Peter lied.** (Shrug shoulders.)
- **Three times Peter shook his head, “No!”** (Shake head “no.”)
- **Then the third time Peter said it,** (Hold up three fingers.)
- **He heard the rooster crow.** (Flap arms as rooster wings.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

GAME: PASS THE LOVE OF JESUS

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: A large heart-shape, Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song “We Love,” CD player

Jesus loves you and me. Jesus wants us to love each other, too. Pretend this heart is your love. As we say our new Bible Memory Verse, we are going to pass the heart around the circle. We will be giving our love to each other!

Directions:

1. Stand in the circle with the children.
2. Say the Bible Memory Verse, pausing after each phrase for children to repeat.
3. Have the children pass the heart around the circle as they repeat the Bible Memory Verse.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: HUGS OF LOVE

Purpose: Children practice showing love as instructed in the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song "We Love," CD player

Jesus loves you and He loves me. What does Jesus want us to show each other? (Love.) We can show each other love by giving hugs. When the music starts, hug as many as you can before the music stops.

Directions:

1. Start the music.
2. Children hug as many other children as they can before the music stops.
3. Stop the music.
4. Play again as time allows.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about telling others about Jesus.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 3, Lesson 17: The Cross: Peter Denies Jesus

PONDER! Read Luke 22:54-62 with your family. Peter was afraid to say he knew Jesus. How many times did Peter say he did not know Jesus before the rooster crowed? Remember to tell others you know Jesus!

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, help us to always tell others we know You. Thank You for always showing us You know and love us. Amen."

PLAY! Teach your family how to play "Drop the Feather" and practice telling others you know Jesus. Have everyone sit on the floor. Take turns dropping the feather. When the feather touches the floor, everyone jumps up and yells, "I know Jesus!"

Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19

"We love because He first loved us."